

California Fair Political Practices Commission

May 14, 1986

Muffie Meier 1801 Broadway #101 San Francisco, CA 94109

> Re: Your Request for Advice Our File No. I-86-122

Dear Ms. Meier:

Thank you for your letter requesting confirmation on the new major donor disclosure requirements under the Political Reform Act.

An individual or entity which makes contributions totaling \$10,000 in a calendar year meets the definition of "committee" contained in Government Code Section 82013(c). These committees are referred to as "major donor committees".

Once an individual or entity has qualified as a major donor committee it must file a semi-annual statement for each half of the year during which it makes any contributions. Semi-annual statements are due on July 31, 1986, and January 31, 1987, with closing dates of June 30 and December 31, respectively. "City" major donor committees (i.e., committees which contribute to candidates or measures within a single city during an election year) are required to file pre-election statements. However, "State" and "County" major donor committees are not required to file pre-election statements.

A "State" major donor committee which also makes contributions to or expenditures on behalf of city or county candidates or measures is not required to file reports as a "City" or "County" major donor committee. However, if a committee is initially required to file as a "City" or "County" major donor committee and later during the calendar year it qualifies as another type of committee, it must continue to file copies of its campaign statements in the original city or county (in addition to the other locations in which it is required to file) until the end of the calendar year.

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Enclosed is a copy of the revised 1986 Campaign Manual which provides additional information for major donors.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at (916) 322-5662.

Yours truly,

Alice Hughes

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April 17, 1986

Muffie Meier 1801 Broadway #101 San Francisco, CA 94109

Re: 86-122

Dear Ms. Meier:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act has been received by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact the Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or unless more information is needed to answer your request, you should expect a response within 21 working days.

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Ms. Alice Hughes
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

This is to confirm our conversation during the week of 10 March 1986.

I am in receipt of FPPC form 461 for 1986, Fact Sheet F dated January 1986, and Supplemental Campaign Disclosure Information booklet dated February 1986. After reviewing the above and speaking with you it is my understanding that a major donor files semi-annually when the donor donates \$10,000.00 in any combination of committees. The donor must file threshold statements when the donor exceeds \$10,000.00 in either a city or a county combination of committees but not if any state committees are included even if \$10,000.00 is exceeded in either the city or county and any amount over \$10,000.00 is from state committees. (Example: during threshold one a total of \$10,000.00 in three county races is contributed and \$2,000.00 to one state race -- a semi-annual statement must be filed but not a threshold)

Please let me know if the above meets with the new requirements or if it does not how I need to adjust.

Thank you.

Muffie Meier

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